

AMENDMENTS**In The Specification**

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, line 6, please replace the paragraph beginning with "RADIAL TIRE CROWN REINFORCEMENT" with the following paragraph:

— TIRE CROWN REINFORCEMENT WITH SPECIFIED RUBBER DECOUPLING
LAYERS

On page 3, please replace paragraph [0013] with the following paragraph:

a1 [0013] Upon a sinusoidal stress of a rubbery compound, for example, with deformation applied, $\epsilon^* = \epsilon_0 e^{j\omega t}$, the steady state response of that compound is also sinusoidal and dephased by an angle δ , $\sigma^* = \sigma_0 e^{j(\omega t + \delta)}$. A complex modulus $G^* = \sigma^*/\epsilon^* = \sigma_0/\epsilon_0 e^{j\delta} = G' + jG''$ is defined, with σ the stress in MPa. G' is called "dynamic modulus" and G'' is called dynamic modulus of loss. The $\tan \delta = G''/G'$ ratio is called damping ratio. The measurements are made on alternate shear stress at a frequency of 10 Hz, at a temperature of 60°C and at a peak-to-peak dynamic deformation of 10%.

On page 5, please replace paragraph [0017] with the following paragraph:

a2 [0017] A first decoupling layer is placed between the center part of the two superposed reinforcing plies and a second decoupling layer is placed on at least one side of the first layer and extends at least as far as the corresponding lateral ends of the two superposed reinforcing plies. In a particular embodiment, a second decoupling layer extends axially more than 3 mm beyond a lateral end of the cords of a reinforcing ply.